REMARKS

The Examiner has required that an election be made with respect to the present application. The election is between the method of Group I, claims 1-3, and the method of Group II, claims 4-9.

More specifically, the Examiner has restricted the invention under 35 U.S.C. §121 into the following groups:

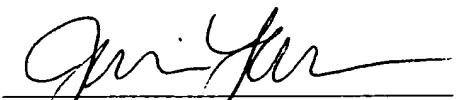
I. Claims 1-3 (class 426, subclass 231); and

II. Claims 4-9 (class 426, subclass 3).

Applicants elect to prosecute Group II, claims 4-9.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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